GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Assessment of Rurban Mission
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) or National Rurban Mission (NRM) introduced by the Government to develop a cluster of 300 Smart Villages across the country is being implemented successfully and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to include/select more villages under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof along with the list of villages selected/ shortlisted, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of villages where the SPMRM is being implemented now, State/ UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is of the opinion that the NRM is able in strengthening of rural areas and deburdening the urban areas and also balanced regional development and growth of the country by simultaneously benefiting the rural as well as urban areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds allocated and spent under the scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a): Yes, Madam, the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission or the National Rurban Mission (NRuM) launched in February 2016, with an aim of creating 300 Rurban clusters has been progressing at a fast pace. So far, 28 States have completed their Integrated Cluster Action Plans and availed the funds, simultaneously under Phase-2, 89 clusters have been identified by 25 States and 5 UTs and approved by the Ministry.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): 98 clusters have been identified and approved under Phase-1 for 28 States. The details of these clusters are given at Annexure-I. 89 clusters have been identified and approved under Phase −II in 24 States and 5 UTs. The details of these clusters are given at Annexure-II.

(d): The primary objective of the Mission is to improve quality of life/standard of living in Rurban clusters, to bridge the rural −urban divide and to reduce migration from rural to urban areas and eventually to facilitate reverse migration. This is ensured through scientific plan preparation through well designed modules by the Ministry, which directs the State to choose the investments in their clusters as per the assessed lacunae in the respective clusters in terms of basic, social, economic and digital amenities. Thus ensuring that these clusters or group of Gram Panchayats have all the required infrastructure as well as the household members in these Gram Panchayats is provided with adequate skill sets that lead to economic activities.

Of the 90 approved plans under Phase -1, the States have chosen the components largely in line with this framework.

(e): The Scheme was launched in February, 2016, therefore, the Year-wise fund allocation and fund release from 2015-16 onwards under the scheme is as under:

Financial Year Budget allocation Fund released
(in crore) (in crore)

2015-16 60.00 32.05

2016-17 600.00 599.44

2017-18(Current Year) 1000.00 -

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